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Commencement 2003

The Class of 2003 brought the number of veterinarians who have graduated from Penn to 5,944. This year's class of 110 is composed of 79 women and 31 men.

The 118th Commencement took place on May 19 at the Zellerbach Theatre on campus. Friends and families cheered as the graduating class walked on stage. **Associate Dean Jeffrey A. Wortman, V'69**, presided over the ceremonies for the Dean. The graduating class had requested two faculty speakers—**Dr. Corrine R. Sweeney**, professor of medicine, and **Ray Sweeney, V'82**, associate professor of medicine, who took this last opportunity to encourage their students to use the skills acquired at Penn and to leave their mark on the profession.

The presentation of diplomas and hooding is an emotional moment. This year **Dr. Olena Jacenko**, Dean's Awardee for Leadership in Basic Science Education; **Dr. Billy Smith**, Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Awardee and the Dean's Awardee for Leadership in Clinical Science Education; and **Deputy Associate Dean Charles D. Newton**, did the honors.

Class President Jason Jon Cordeiro presented comments and received the Class Flag from **James V. Stewart, V'68**, president, Veterinary Medical Alumni Society. Associate Dean Wortman, assisted by **Dr. Kenneth J. Drobatz**, Lindback Distinguished Teacher Awardee, presented the prizes and senior awards. **John L. Enck, Jr., V'70**, president of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, administered the oath of office.

After all the formalities were over, graduates and their families celebrated on the plaza behind the Annenberg Center.



Corinne and Ray Sweeney



Jeff Wortman and Christine Connelly, chair of the School's Board of Overseers



Jason Cordeiro and James Stewart



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Class of 2003

Jill Lauren Abraham**
 Alison Joy Abramson
 Victoria Weber Achenbach
 Jennifer Anne Adler
 Theresa Joseph Alenghat***
 Charles Conrad Miller Arensberg*
 Elizabeth Noel Ballard
 Karen Marie Becker
 Brett Edward Begley
 Jeffrey Benjamin Bell
 Lisa Hillary Bernstein
 David Bessler
 Kenneth Louis Bollens III
 Todd Michael Brooks*
 Kristin Kathleen Burton*
 Gina Marie Cairone*
 Nani Cha
 Jessica Ann Chavkin***
 Holly Lynn Shaginaw Connolly**
 Jason Jon Cordeiro
 Meredith Leigh Daly***
 June Brenda Daniels
 Mary Anna DuCray
 Tony Luke Ebling
 Rebecca Ann Elder
 Ryan Lee Epple
 Aubrey Kathryn Fitch
 Stuart Lee Friedman
 Rebecca Berjouhi Garabed

Sunny Geiser
 Talia Glimer
 Carrie Elizabeth Goldkamp**
 Scott Joseph Goldman
 Stephanie Elizabeth Graham
 Daniel Jesse Hall
 Alexander David Hamberg
 Bridget Ann Hanley
 Nathan Daniel Harvey
 Lisa Perlman Harwood***
 Jannette Lee Heere
 Erik Steven Herrema
 Kimberley Melissa Hershorn
 Amy Louise Hinze
 Lexington Allen Hoffman
 Sarah Colleen Holler
 Sarah Jane Hoskins
 Adonia Hsu
 Amber Joelle Itle
 Leah Carolyn Jackson
 Keith Justin Javic
 Kate Elizabeth Johnson
 Kimberly Anne Johnston***
 Jennifer Marie Jones
 Karena Pey-Fen Joung
 Karen Elizabeth Kemp
 James J. Kim
 Megan Kathleen King
 Bradford Yaeger Kube

Emily Kate Kupprion
 Katharine Patricia Kurpel
 Mary Theresa Kwacz**
 Julia Susan Lane**
 Amy Elizabeth Learn
 Srinivas Lingareddy
 Marybeth Rebecca Longo
 P. Mark López
 Herbert William Maisenbacher III***
 Corinne Elise Majeska
 Jill Kristen Maney
 Betty Ann Marcucci
 Jennifer Savage Matysczak
 Joanne E. McCrea
 Julie Louise McDade
 Lisa Gwenn Meddock
 Jessica Lauren Melman
 Carrie Anne Miller
 Elizabeth Kathryn Mills
 Shannon Kerry Moriarty*
 Courtney Elisabeth North
 Sean Christopher Ott
 Leigh Ann Perry
 Christina Nicole Phillips
 Natalie Pinchuk-Levitt
 Darah Louise Resh
 Rebecca Elizabeth Risbon
 Linda Murray Ruiz
 Anna Louise Russau

Christopher Thomas Ryan***
 Jeffrey Andrew Sachar
 Krista Erika Schnabel
 Anne Melissa Skope
 Sarah Jeann Smith
 Danielle Ann Springer
 Ross Landon Springer
 Christine Ashley Starer
 Heather-Michelle Brooke Stewart
 Lara Faith Sylvester
 Stephanie Diane Szabo*
 Kristen Ann Szydowski
 Jamie Beth Trauner
 Christopher Shenwei Tsai
 Charles Joseph Tucker
 Katie Eileen Tuffey
 Carrie Ellen Tupper
 Krista Michele Vernaleken
 John Anthony Vinciguerra*
 Lauren Marie Wagman
 Jeremy John Wentz
 Sara Ann Woodberry
 Keith Alan Zimmerman

*** *Summa Cum Laude*

** *Magna Cum Laude*

* *Cum Laude*

Award Recipients

Leonard Pearson Prize
 Erik Steven Herrema

J.B. Lippincott Prize
 Kimberly Anne Johnston

1930 Class Prize in Surgery
 Kimberly Anne Johnston

Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association Prize
 John Anthony Vinciguerra

Faculty/Student Chapter, AVMA Prize
 Jeffrey Andrew Sachar

American Animal Hospital Association Award
 Srinivas Lingareddy

American Association of Feline Practitioners Award
 Jessica Ann Chavkin

American College of Veterinary Radiology Award
 Erik Steven Herrema

American College of Veterinary Surgeons Prizes
Small Animal Surgery Prize
 Herbert William
 Maisenbacher III

Large Animal Surgery Prize
 Kimberly Anne Johnston

Everingham Prize for Cardiology
 Shannon Kerry Moriarty

Field Service Prize
 Ross Landon Springer

The Peter Francis Anatomy Award
 Lisa Perlman Harwood

Hill's Award
 Leigh Ann Perry

Iams/VECCS Award for Proficiency in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
 Meredith Leigh Daly

James Hazlitt Jones Prize in Biochemistry
 Lisa Perlman Harwood

Large Animal Medicine Prize
 Christine Ashley Starer

Large Animal Surgery Prize
 Charles Conrad Miller Arensberg

Merck Awards
Small Animal Award
 Jill Lauren Abraham
Large Animal Award
 Sarah Colleen Holler

1956 Class Medal for Achievement in Pathology
 Jessica Ann Chavkin

George M. Palmer Prize
 Sunny Geiser

Pharmacia Animal Health Proficiency Awards
Companion Animal Award
 Lisa Perlman Harwood
Equine Award

Charles Conrad
 Miller Arensberg
Food Animal Award
 Nathan Daniel Harvey

Charles F. Reid Sports Medicine and Imaging Award
 Kimberly Anne Johnston

Lynn Sammons Food Animal Award
 Tony Luke Ebling

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Food Animal Medicine
 Amber Joelle Itle

Morris L. Ziskind Prize in Public Health
 Meredith Leigh Daly